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After two consecutive orders of BBMP, why do we have footpaths covered in construction material, wonder pedestrians of Bengaluru

FOOTWRATH

Chief commissioner had fixed 4:00 pm on August 21 as deadline

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> **"It has become difficult to walk on the footpath..., due to dumping of construction material... No one is bothered about plight of pedestrians**
>
> – Gopal S, resident, Jeevan Bhima Nagar

Is the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike serious about implementing its own orders? Considering the abject failure of engineers of the civic body to ensure footpaths free of construction material, it seems as though the BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath is not serious about implementing his own orders in the interest of residents, especially pedestrians.

The BBMP chief commissioner on July 25, while inspecting various places including Silk Board Junction and the service road near PES College, had suggested that all footpaths should be repaired and the construction material dumped on the footpaths be cleared — but not many BBMP engineers considered it their responsibility to clear construction material from Bengaluru's sidewalks.

Once again, the BBMP chief commissioner, after a gap of 24 days, issued another order directing the BBMP engineers to clear all construction material

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Natural Capital

ABS to ensure benefits derived from biological resources are shared fairly and equitably among local communities

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The Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB) recently sent notices of non-compliance to many traders and drug licensees in the city under the Access Benefit Sharing (ABS) agreements.

However, the majority of the traders said they are being wrongly served as the raw materials being used by their firms that practice the Indian system of medicine do not fall under the scheme.

"I use coconut oil and neem oil from cultivated farms, but the board has still sent me a legal notice. KBB conveyed that I come under the purview of ABS if I am manufacturing ayurvedic products, irrespective of the raw material I use," said Ramesh*, a city based Ayurveda drug licencee.

"After I received the notice, I reached out to the National Biodiversity Board and got an exemption as raw materials included coconut oil and neem oil only," said Ramesh.

Firm owners who received the notice from the board claimed that the raw materials they are using fall outside the purview of KBB as they are procuring most of their supplies from other states.

"More than 95% of the raw material that we use is from outside the state. Despite this KBB has slapped us with a legal notice. The notice said we need to pay 0.1% of the gross sale amount as ABS money.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Tunes of love

Bhoomija Trust is presenting Aaroha, a music-play, at Ranga Shankara. The performance is helmed by stalwarts Dr Mysore Manjunath in charge of music, S Surendranath handling the play and Srinivasa Prabhu as the lead actor. At the centre of the performance is a 20-member youth orchestra conceptualised and conducted by Dr Manjunath. Apart from popular Indian music compositions, the orchestra plays a couple of outstanding pieces written by Dr Manjunath, who also plays the lead violin. S Surendranath weaves a beautiful story of love through popular poetry and phrases from plays.

Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
When: August 23, 24, 7.30 pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

02 Workshops galore

RV University along with SPIC MACAY is organising a week- long programme titled 'Virasat' at their campus on Mysuru Road. Students will be engaged in yoga and specialised workshops in Carnatic, Hindustani, Kuchipudi & Cheriyal mask-making workshops. Aimed at encouraging the youth and exposing them to Indian art and culture, the workshops and concerts are totally free and anyone can participate.

Where: RV University campus, Mysuru Road
When: Till Aug 27
Registrations: 80738 36728

03 Poetry for the soul

Bengaluru Poetry Festival (BPF), the city's first festival dedicated to poetry, is back in its physical form after a hiatus of 2 years! The 6th edition of Bengaluru Poetry Festival is scheduled to be held on the 27th and 28th of August 2022 at The Leela Palace. The festival has once again, attracted a number of internationally recognised poets and artistes who have confirmed their participation and the stage is set for another weekend of incredible poetry performances for literary connoisseurs of Bengaluru.

Where: The Leela Palace Hotel, Domlur
When: Aug 27, 28
Info: www.bengalurupoetryfestival.org

Scrap CUET, say students fed up with confusion

From centres clashing, exams getting delayed to improper communication, CUET 2022 has been a fiasco, they say

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Many students had to run around at the last minute due to wrong centre allotment

The Common University Entrance Test (CUET-2022), which was hailed as a positive step for students about to pursue their undergraduate course, turned out to be a dampener due to its countless glitches. Now, students want the exam to be scrapped.

CUET-2022 began on July 15 this year, and is being conducted in six phases across the country. However, ever since the exam began in July, students have faced several glitches in exam centres, schedule-clash and syllabus.

Tushar K, one such student who appeared for his first CUET examination on August 4 in Bengaluru, said, "There were several glitches in the exam. For the English paper, there were many technical glitches because of which, I couldn't attempt all the questions and missed the first 25 minutes of the examination. The General Ability test had to be postponed after we waited for 2 hours at the exam centre. My friends had also faced similar problems with the exam and she did not even get the test centre of her choice."

Students want the old system should be brought back.

"This shows that NTA is unable to conduct the examinations at such a large level. Everywhere, the students are suffering because of mismanagement, so it is better if the universities are allowed to have their own independent system for admissions like in previous years. The admissions are also getting postponed due to poor management and

> **"I couldn't attempt all the questions of the English paper as I missed the first 25 minutes due to glitches in the system**
>
> –Tushar K, a student

it is making us students anxious," Tushar added.

According to the initial plan, all phases of the CUET UG were scheduled to conclude on August 20. However, due to several complaints and reschedules the examination dates have been further deterred.

Vaishnavi Parakh, another student, said that one common exam for all central universities is adding to students' woes and are forcing them to take up coaching. "I had to take coaching for commerce because I wanted to get a seat at Delhi University. One common exam is just adding to the competition and the confusion is just making us more anxious. This is the first time this exam is being conducted and we do not know how it is going to play out. I hope they learn from this year's glitches and either scrap the exam or plan better for the next year."

Bangalore Mirror had previously reported that many students have been complaining about insufficient preparation time and exam slash during Phase 1 in July. Now according to recent reports, many students across the country have received the wrong dates on their admit cards. Students are now demanding grace marks or retests from the authorities on Twitter.

With almost 15 lakh registrations, CUET is the second largest entrance examination in the country after NEET-UG and is compulsory for admissions in all 45 central universities in India.

Millets in mid-day meals: Akshaya Patra

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Millets are nutrient-heavy & will go a long way in improving students' health (file)

The Akshaya Patra Foundation, which has been supplying nutritious food to students in 1,162 schools in and around Bengaluru and beyond, is all set to introduce millets in mid-day meals.

The foundation has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Nutrihub, Indian Institute of Millets Research that is at the forefront of promoting excellence in the field of millets research and development under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The collaboration is an initiative as part of the run-up for 2023 as the International Year of Millets led by the Government of India.

The MoU aims to collaborate on menu development and study efficacy, coordinate to assess the feasibility of millet products or grains through mid-day meals in various states and look at possible PPP private-public partnerships.

We will be introducing millets in mid-day meals at a few schools in Bengaluru on a pilot basis in two to three months. After receiving the feedback, the supply will be extended to other schools, said Anant Arora, Chief Communications & Sustainability Officer, The Akshaya Patra Foundation.

Dr Daykar Rao, CEO, Nutrihub & PS, ICAR – IIMR said, "Millets, once the go-to nutrition choice of rural India, is now become the super food of select few urban consumers. Rich with micronutrients, millet is known as a solution for many lifestyle problems and diseases affecting human bodies. We aim to democratise its production as well as usage, and bring back this super food to the plates of the Indian population, starting first by securing the wellbeing of the children of this country."

He said as the largest school feeding program in the world with coverage of 120 million children, Prime Minister's Poshan scheme offers a tremendous opportunity to address micronutrient deficiencies, and improve schooling effectiveness, and intergenerational opportunity, particularly for female children.

Arora said that the foundation has constantly been striving to not just provide nutrition for education but increasingly focussing on providing sustainable nutrition, targeted towards reducing our carbon footprint. "Millets supply super nutrients and possess excellent climate resilience properties, thus helping us to attain the sustainable development goals (SDGs) of the United Nations," he said.

He said that the foundation intends to reach millions of children with healthy, well-accepted food that promotes their physical, cognitive, and social development.

By-laws to guard against the bite

Health Department to enforce civic by-laws for preventing mosquito breeding

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With heavy rainfall causing dengue cases to shoot up this year, the Health Department has decided to implement civic by-laws in an attempt to control the cases.

While there has been no official death from dengue reported yet in the city or state, private hospitals have been reporting a huge number of patients suffering from dengue. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that a circular was issued on Monday to strictly implement the civic by-laws. Karnataka has so far reported more than 1,300 dengue cases including 950 in Bengaluru in 2022.

The circular stated, 'Suitable laws and by-laws should be enacted and implemented for regulating storage of water by communities, various agencies' to avoid breeding of mosquitoes at construction sites, factories. These include model civic by-laws under which, fine shall be levied.

These measures are being enforced in many cities like Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Chandigarh and Delhi. Secondly, building by-laws should be made for appropriate overhead/ underground tanks, mosquito-proof buildings, designing sunshades, porticos, etc for not allowing stagnation of water which aids breeding of mosquitoes.

For example, in Mumbai, prior to any construction activity, the owners/builders should deposit a fee for keeping mosquitoes under check by the Municipal Corporation. Thirdly, suitable by-laws should be made for the proper disposal/ storage of junk, discarded tins, old tyres and other debris, which can withhold rainwater and

A health worker fumigates a neighbourhood in Vasanth Nagar to control larvae breeding (file image)

Palike officials said that household surveys along with surveillance measures will be conducted to keep a check on mosquitoes breeding

finally, health impact assessments should be made mandatory before any development projects.

A BBMP official said that surveillance measures include larvae survey and source reduction measures. BBMP officials said that the dengue cases are much lesser in now compared to three years ago, when it had reached an alarming proportion as 12,000 cases were reported in a year. They also said that controlling breeding was the most important way to prevent this and they were spreading the message among citizens.

According to a health expert, patients suffering from dengue will have symptoms like high grade fever with generalised rashes over the body. The platelet count can decrease drastically.

Meanwhile, in a circular, TK Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary, Health Department said, "There is a need to conduct surveys for elimination of mosquito breeding sites around the house and government buildings, commercial complexes, school, hospital premises, cinema halls, industrial areas and under construction buildings and so on. To motivate the community, we need to start by providing health education about self-protection methods like use of mosquito nets, use of mosquito wick, ointment etc. to avoid mosquito bites."

He added that carrying out sustainable programs within local bodies was also needed. Health workers should carry out survey and elimination activities of mosquito breeding sites in residential areas and encourage migrant workers to protect themselves from mosquito bites by imparting health education in their mother tongue.

"Overall, in the interest of public health, it has been suggested that necessary steps should be taken to prevent dengue and other infectious diseases from escalating in the state by collaborating with the health department in timely and effective implementation of preventive and control measures for vector-borne diseases in their districts," he said.

Cop arrested in Jaipur for gambling

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A cyber-crime inspector from Kolar, along with a tahsildar and a college professor both from Bengaluru, have been arrested in a Rajasthan farmhouse on charges of gambling at a weekend event organised by a Delhi-based man. The inspector was on leave for three days and he had gone to Rajasthan.

According to Jaipur's Additional Commissioner of Police (crime) Ajay Pal Lamba, police also arrested 13 women, seized casino tables, 14 luxury cars and Rs 23 lakh cash. "We had received specific information about a farmhouse in Jaisinghpura Khor that was used by some high-profile people for gambling and other acts. We raided the place and arrested the accused," he said. Lamba said that one Naresh Malhotra alias Rahul, with his son, Manvesh had organised the weekend retreat. "Participants paid Rs 2 lakh as an entry fee," he said.

Jaipur police arrest 13 women, seize 14 luxury cars, recover Rs 23 lakh cash in raid

Lamba said organisers had brought women from outside Rajasthan for the event. "The organisers will be booked for human trafficking because they had brought women to Jaipur from different cities. The other accused will be booked under different sections of the gambling act," Lamba said.

The Jaipur police said that people from Maharashtra, Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Telangana and New Delhi had come for the event.

Lamba said police also arrested a tahsildar of Bengaluru and a college professor. Police said the accused included high profile clients from different cities. DCP (Crime) P Deshmukh said that the organised used to cheat in gambling too. "We have found that they had placed CCTVS inside the hotel so that they could inform their players about the opponent's next move," he added.

Richmond Town residents wage war against civic apathy

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A group of residents living in Richmond Town have been suffering from several civic issues, and like most stories go, they say that authorities are completely apathetic.

Mohammed Rizwan, a businessman and a resident of Richmond Town, is a regular morning walker and worries about the roads that are unsafe for walking, especially for school children. "Should we wait for a mishap to happen and then get the problem fixed?" he asks.

There are two eateries on Convent Road and both these eateries shut shop late in the night. They clean up the hotel and the garbage bins occupy most of the footpath, forcing pedestrians to use the road. Despite assurances from the management, workers in the middle of the night continue to keep the bins outside on the footpath obstructing the walkway even after several reminders. "Both the eateries open somewhere around 10 to 10.30 am; until then, the bins are on the footpath obstructing students' movement during rush hour to school," Rizwan told Bangalore Mirror.

Dustbins occupy most of the footpath on Convent Road; an uprooted tree on Museum Road is on the verge of collapsing anytime

Another resident, Anton, pointed out to an uprooted tree that has leaned onto a compound wall on Museum Road opposite to Catholic Club. "The tree has been found in that state for a couple of years now. It got uprooted and leaned on to a compound and is still growing. It is on the verge of collapsing anytime. "I had once hit my head on that tree and I know ten other people who had hit their heads on the same tree," Anton the resident said.

Nelson, another resident working in the field of advertising, complained about a broken footpath on Richmond Road. "People wouldn't that easily realise that the particular part of the footpath is broken and they would end up falling into a four-five feet pit," Nelson reiterated, adding that this broken footpath has been there for a while - more than a year, he says.

The residents have even brought these issues to the notice of the local MLA of Shantinagar, Mohammed Harris, but to not much avail.

BBMP officials said that they have not received any complaints regarding such issues and if there was a complaint filed, they would take action.

Don't take that route it's another bad road

To avoid traffic jams, commuters of Old Madras Road take the service road under Baiyappanahalli railway overbridge only to find it in poor condition

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The service road under Baiyappanahalli railway overbridge is not asphalted making it a nightmare for commuters

With traffic bottlenecks on Old Madras Road due to white-topping work, techies take a different route only to meet another nightmare. The unexpected situation has thrown fresh light on an old problem of a non-asphalted service road under the Baiyappanahalli railway overbridge.

Last month, white-topping work started on Old Madras Road and a part of it was closed. Due to this, commuters facing the inevitable bottlenecks have started looking at alternate routes. One such route is to take the service road under the Baiyappanahalli Railway overbridge leading to the Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal.

While the pitiful state is not news to residents, new commuters were in shock to discover this stretch that was not asphalted but laid with stones.

The stretch near Kalpalli Cemetery ground connects Swami Vivekananda Metro Station signal and areas like Frazer Town and Cox Town. The 810 m long road over bridge was completed roughly eight months ago after a decade of delay but the service road under the flyover has not been completed.

Commuters complain that the stretch is not just a threat to commuters but their vehicle tyres are also getting damaged.

Dheeraj, a techie, told Bangalore Mirror, "Right now, the white-topping work is happening on Old Madras Road from Ulsoor and there are frequent jams in the stretch. Another route is travel from Frazer Town to Old Madras road via the Kalpalli Cemetery grounds. But this stretch is not asphalted and in pitiful condition. As of now, only stones are getting stuck in the tail but with prolonged use, the tyres are bound to get damaged."

Another regular commuter, Saleem said that the stretch was better off when it was mud-path and now the state is unmovable.

"There are three roads connecting North Bangalore to East Bangalore. Commuters have the option to take the ORR, Ulsoor Road, and Road from Frazer town via Kalpalli ground. With white-topping on Old Madras Road and metro work on ORR, commuters are left with only this stretch. But the stretch is without the tar and filled with stones, it's like an extension of Kalpalli ground. Commuters going through the stretch can fall, trip or die," said Deepika, a commuter.

The condition of the road becomes even worse when it rains.

"Even if I take Old Madras road to go to Domlur at 4 in the morning, it takes me a minimum of 35 mins. Forced to go through this stretch, my vehicle tyres was punctured. Luckily, I had someone to help me as the area is known to be a crime-prone area," said Shuja Ul Haq, a resident of Frazer Town.

> **"Forced to go through this stretch, my vehicle's tyre got punctured. Luckily, I had someone to help me out with it**
>
> –Shuja Ul Haq, a commuter

BBMP assured of having the stretch asphalted before August 30.

"I will get the stretch asphalted by the end of this month," said BBMP Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure), BS Prahlad.

100 fish swim away to a watery grave

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Fish kill at Kothnur Lake due to the poor water quality and sewage flowing into the lake

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Stop the fish kill, while there's time

BM's report on July 27

It is too late for fish in the Kothnur Lake as many died due to the poor water quality of the lake. Experts say that the lake had been receiving sewage water for quite some time now.

Raghavendra B Pacchapur, a member of ActionAid, an NGO, said, "When I visited the lake, there was a very strong stench coming from the lake. I could smell the stench when I opened the gate. There were a lot of Kites which were surrounding the lake premises. These Kites are scavenging birds. I think there is more scope for fish to die there. Yesterday, there were only big fishes that had died, while I could see the small fishes that were striving for breath and struggling to survive."

He told Bangalore Mirror that the fishes that died were called Tilapia fish.

The fish kill has happened before in Kothnur lake due to the entry of sewage into the lake. Despite several complaints from the residents and activists, no action was taken by the authorities.

Changappa NB, a resident, said, "I saw that around the lake, plenty of fishes, almost 50 to 100 fish have died. Moreover, there are four drainage points into the lake and from all these points sewage is entering the lake body which is worsening the condition of the lake."

Residents fear that with no actions from the authorities, the lakes will die soon.

Niroz K, another resident, said, "The condition of the lake has been poor for months now, if no action is taken by the authorities, then gradually this lake will cease to exist. Not just this lake, all the lakes will have nothing but sewage in them. It is high time that the authorities should take some action about it."

A BBMP official said, "We have to verify about the fish kill and then we will give a statement about it."

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Open potholes
Thippasandra

Open potholes in Puttappa Layout are a threat to residents. There is no action taken by authorities even after several complaints.

Traffic troubles
Whitefield

Heavy vehicles and tipper trucks cause traffic jams at Hope Farm junction at Whitefield every day. Even though there is a ban on trucks between 7 am and 11 am, there's no one to enforce it.

Blocked footpath
Seva Nagar

Vegetable vendors are blocking the footpath opposite the Ayyappa Temple bus stop. There is no space for pedestrians to walk.

Woman killed as canter crashes into goods van

A 42-year-old homemaker was killed and four others including her minor daughter sustained injuries when a speeding canter collided with a goods vehicle they were travelling near Veerasandra junction on Hosur Road in Electronics City on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Pramila while the injured identified as Prabhavati, 38, Lalitha, 34, Appasab, 40, and Lalita, 11, all residents of Yarandahalli near Bommasandra. The mini goods vehicle was driven by Prameela's husband, Venkata Shivaiah, 45, who escaped with minor injuries and filed a complaint. According to the police, the accident occurred around 6.15 am, when the victims were returning home after visiting a relative in the city.

Both the canter and the mini goods vehicle were moving towards Veerasanda junction from Konappana Agrahara. When the canter driver in a rash and negligence manner collided with the mini-goods vehicle. Due to the impact, the vehicle toppled and the Pramila sustained severe head injuries and started bleeding profusely. She and others were rushed to hospital., where the doctors declared Prameela as brought dead. The Electronics City traffic police said the canter driver abandoned the vehicle and fled the spot soon after the accident. Efforts are on to track him down to ascertain whether he was inebriated. **BMB**

Knock on sandalwood

Plan to plant at least 1,000 sandalwood trees in city; 250 already taking root in Yeshwanthpur

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Bengaluru which was once considered as a 'garden city of India' was also home to numerous sandalwood trees. However, most of these sandalwood trees were lost to poachers rather than to concretisation. Now, in a reversal of sorts, the city will once again see a booming sandalwood tree plantation.

It is estimated that the city will house at least 1,000 sandalwood trees in the next few years. As a first step, 250 sandalwood trees have already been planted in the heart of the city. The plants have come up at the State-Government owned Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited in Yeshwanthpur.

Interestingly, these trees are now getting a new lease of life thanks to shortage of sandalwood oil. In fact, one of the most popular brands from Bengaluru is Mysore Sandal Soap which is mainly manufactured in Bengaluru. One of the most important ingredients for this soap is the sandalwood oil. In recent years, most of the sandalwood in the city was stolen by poachers.

Sandalwood was also grown in huge numbers in Karnataka forests which were also stolen by poachers starting from Veerappan to many others in the recent past. As a result, the KS & DL which manufactures soaps is suffering a shortage of sandalwood oil in the State. Hence, it was forced to buy the sandalwood oil from the neighbouring Kerala forest.

"As we are facing shortage of the oil, we decided on why not grow sandalwood in our own backyard. Hence, we took up an ambitious project of growing sandalwood. For example, we have a huge campus in the heart of Bengaluru which was lying unused. So, we decided to grow sandalwood in Bengaluru. We began a silent revolution of increasing the city's greenery with sandalwood. In the last few months, we have planted 250 sandalwood saplings in Bengaluru in an area of one acre of land. We are now earmarking around four to eight acres of land where more than 1,000 sandalwood trees could be grown in the city. Besides this, we have enough land under our purview in Mysuru and Shivamogga," a senior official of the KS & DL told Mirror.

Sandalwood and Bengaluru have an interesting connection. In 1916, the then Maharaja of Myore Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV visited Sankey forest division where he was surprised to see huge stacks of sandalwood trees dumped in the forest department. He wondered why sandalwood oil can't be extracted from these trees. He discussed the idea with Sir M Visvesvaraya and a British official. Sir MV then along with IISc officials began research on extracting sandalwood oil. There was a breakthrough in the next few months. In 1916, sandalwood oil production began in Bengaluru in a small quantity.

Recalling the history, the KSDL officials said that the tryst with sandalwood oil didn't end with its production. In 1918, a French official gifted a sandalwood soap to Mysuru Maharaja which reignited his interest in manufacturing a soap with sandalwood oil as its ingredient. Then, an official was sent from Bengaluru to England to study the modalities. The official-SG Sastry returned to Mysuru kingdom and then started the iconic journey of Mysuru sandal soap. The Mysuru government started the Sandalwood soap factory in 1918.

The official told Mirror, "Besides growing sandalwood in the Bengaluru campus, we are also encouraging farmers to grow sandalwood. We have plans to get into an MoU with sandalwood growers so that we can it from them."

Around 250 sandalwood saplings have been planted at KS & DL campus in Bengaluru. Right: File photo of sandalwood seized from thieves. Experts worry growing sandalwood is not hard, but protecting them from poachers is the tough part.

Precious sandalwood protection problem

Green activists say that the real challenge is not in growing sandalwood but in protecting it. Suresh R, a green activist said, "Sandalwood is always being targeted by poachers. Many of our precious sandalwood is being repeatedly poached and many argue that despite the stringent forest department check-posts, sandalwood is still smuggled. In fact, even red sanders which are as precious as sandalwood are being smuggled and this was shown in the recent movie Pushpa. There are instances as to how sandalwood was being smuggled from city's police stations. This throws up an important question as to how to protect these trees. Unless we have a strict protection scheme, saving sandalwood may not be so easy."

Blackmailer strips for extortion video

A man as lodged an FIR in Mysuru district of the state against a female stranger for extortion over a video call in which she had gone nude, police said on Monday.

According to police, Vasu K, the complainant, a resident of Bilikere village near Hunsur town got a message from the accused young lady introducing herself as Amrita and expressed her wish to talk to him.

After sometime she made a video call to Vasu. As soon as he received the call, the lady had gone nude. Vasu told police that he disconnected the call as soon as the woman went nude.

However, she sent him a video message showing him on a mobile phone screen when she had gone nude and demanded money from him.

If he fails to give her money, she threatened to send this video and other screenshots to his friends and family and make them viral on social media.

Following this, Vasu approached the Cyber Police in Mysuru and sought protection. The police have begun investigations. **– IANS**

Leopard spotted; Holiday in 22 Belagavi schools

Authorities of Belagavi district have declared holiday for 22 primary and high schools in this part of Karnataka on Monday following the movement of a leopard found in a residential area.

Holiday has been declared for schools in Belagavi city cantonment area and surrounding rural areas. The leopard seems to be prowling near the Golf Grounds and disappears near a private school campus.

The movement of the leopard has been captured by a private bus driver and the development has caused panic and tension among residents, especially parents and children.

The forest officials are planning to trap the prowling leopard in a cage. The authorities have been trying to catch the leopard for 18 days after a construction labourer was attacked in Jadhavnagar of Belagavi city. The leopard, which was not seen after the attack, has surfaced again. **– IANS**

KBB notices to traders for non-compliance

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We are totally in the dark if the raw material we are using is exempted under ABS or not," said yet another city-based trader.

The majority of these traders said they paid ABS charges up to 2016 and then stopped paying due to the lack of clarity about the process.

"After receiving the legal notice from KBB, we reached out to them for more clarity and time to respond. However, there has been no response or clarifications from the board yet. As per the notice, we need to pay the pending amount too. That will be a lot of money for a small-time Ayurveda firm," lamented another city based Ayurveda practitioner.

Some traders alleged that the board is targeting only the firms registered under the Ayush department.

"It is easier for the board to spot the firms under the Ayush department and send notices. Many businesses are procuring raw materials directly from forest areas and local communities but they have not received any such notice. Moreover, we have paid money under the ABS scheme up until a few years ago. However, according to RTI information, not even a single rupee has been given to or spent on the local community by the board so far," said another herbal firm owner in the city. Access Benefit Sharing (ABS) is a scheme brought in to ensure that the benefit derived from biological resources and associated traditional knowledge is shared fairly and equitably among local communities.

According to a senior official from KBB, anyone using bio-resources for commercial utilisation comes under ABS, barring a handful of common activities.

"There are a few activities under the act that are considered common and are exempted from ABS. There is a list of 385 species in the act with qualified exemptions, with some conditions. For instance, extracting coconut oil or using it as a food additive does not attract ABS charges. But using the oil for manufacturing a drug puts it under the act's ambit," said the official.

KBB officials said the decision on this is taken by a biodiversity expert committee.

"Traders have to submit a form for us to understand the nature of the business. Once we receive the form, we place it before the biodiversity expert committee. Any decision on ABS is taken by the committee that consists of former IFS officers, legal experts and the Ayush commissioner. We follow the rules strictly," the official added.

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Stand your ground, pedestrian

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dumped on footpaths. The chief commissioner fixed 4:00 pm on Sunday (August 21) as the deadline to complete the task given to the BBMP engineers.

However, as usual or expected, not many BBMP engineers followed the BBMP chief commissioner's directive in earnest.

"No construction material is cleared from footpaths at many locations of Indiranagar. The BBMP chief commissioner has issued an order but it is not implemented," said Sneha Nandihal, a citizen activist from Indiranagar.

One can see construction material dumped on the footpath on Jeevan Bhima Nagar Main Road, near a BBMP park, compelling pedestrians to walk on the road, making them
vulnerable to road accidents. "It has become difficult to walk on the footpath on this busy road due to dumping of construction material. No one is bothered about the plight of pedestrians. I want the BBMP engineer to clear the construction material in the interest of pedestrians," said Gopal S, a resident.

For instance, construction material has been lying on the footpath of 24th Main of HSR Layout for the last few months. "The BBMP engineer did nothing to clear the construction material from the footpath. I want the authorities concerned to clear the construction material as early as possible for the benefit of pedestrians," said Venkatesh HS, a resident of HSR Layout.

Similarly, construction material has been lying on the footpath near the Sivananda Flyover for the last few weeks but nothing has been done to remove it.

One can see mounds of silt on the footpath on Kensington Road too.

"The BBMP engaged a contractor to remove silt from the roadside drain. The workers dumped the silt on the footpath. It has been lying on the footpath for more than a month. I think the BBMP has to engage another contractor to clear the silt dumped on the footpath," said Prakash S, a resident of Gupta Layout.

Basavaraj MV, a resident of Munireddy Layout, said the condition of the footpath of Kaggadasapura Main Road near DRDO Complex is appalling. "Pedestrians cannot walk on the footpath as it is yet to be covered with either concrete or stone slabs after removing the silt from the drain," said Basavaraj.

BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath was not available for comment.

League unearths the hidden badminton gems of K'taka

GPBL ends with victorious KGF Wolves, unearthing badminton talents like Prakash Raj, Gloria Vinaykumar, Hemanth Gowda and Suhas V Gowda

India's best woman badminton player and chief guest for the Grand Prix Badminton League final, PV Sindhu presented the trophy to the winners KGF Wolves who defeated Mandya Mulls in the final before a packed KBA court on Sunday.

The tournament's primary aim was to provide an opportunity for players from Karnataka and to unearth talent. That was largely achieved considering the number of players who emerged after some splendid displays evoking that hearty response from Sindhu, no matter who won or who lost.

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KGF Wolves' Prakash Raj, Gloria Vinaykumar, Hemanth Gowda and the southpaw Suhas V Gowda were the pick of the lot.

With his tracer-bullet-like forehand smashes, Hemanth Gowda was unstoppable. Not for nothing was he adjudged as the Player of the Tournament. His height, agility and reach saw him cover the court without difficulty. When the shuttlecock was tossed up, Hemanth produced those thundering down the line or cross-court smashes for winners with unfailing regularity. Hemanth played the men's singles, the men's doubles and also in the super match regularly. It was a tribute to his endurance and commitment. Without a doubt, KGF Wolves rode on his shoulders to victory.

Gloria Vinaykumar not only did well in the singles but also proved to be a tough customer in the mixed doubles whenever called upon to play. Her height made her a very effective player at the net in mixed doubles. She often put away winners with regal disdain. Amrutha P was another youngster who excelled whenever called upon to play in the mixed doubles. She never lost a match and carried her team through the toughest of encounters. Prakash Raj was an ideal men's doubles specialist while Suhas was good with his flicks and delicate lobs for winners.

Hemanth Gowda of KGF Wolves who was awarded 'Player of the tournament' award

Mandya Bulls' Sai Pratheek and Ananya Praveen excelled in the singles events for men and women respectively. Their height and reach as also their ability to spring up and strike powerfully was a treat to watch. So too Malnad Falcons' Mithun Manjunath and Drithi Yatheesh, though the latter was unlucky to suffer a muscle injury and could not produce her best.

The 14-year-old Rujula Ramu of the Kodagu Tigers did well initially. But her team's think tank thought it fit to preserve her as much as they could and not expose her. Yet, she showed that she has it in her to rise higher.

Mangalore Sharks' Raghu Mariswamy, Vijetha Harish and the young Prerana S Shet also put up impressive displays all along.

"I was very much impressed with the kind of talent which was on view here. Our aim was to provide a platform for talented boys and girls from Karnataka to come to the fore and show their worth. I think we surely succeeded in our endeavour to a large extent," said Arvind Bhat, the Director of the GPBL.

Arvind Bhat, the Senior National men's singles title winner in 2008 and 2011, said that the event was a resounding success in more ways than one.

"Our aim was to provide a platform to talented boys and girls from Karnataka. I think we succeeded in our endeavour to a large extent –Arvind Bhat, GBPL director

"In the end, what we saw was beyond our expectations. We surely were proved right for putting this event together. The players, coaches, team owners, the KBA, etc. backed us to the hilt and we will try and make it even bigger next year," said Prashanth Reddy, the Commissioner of the tournament.

The talent scouts watching the tournament would surely have jotted down many names in their diary and will indeed call them up for duty for various state teams when major events come calling. The well of badminton talent runs deep in Karnataka. **—S S Shreekumar**

KASSIA to assist rural entrepreneurs

Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) has decided to leave no stone unturned to complete the construction of the Centre of Excellence and Innovation, aimed at preparing prospective entrepreneurs from rural areas to realize their ambitions and dreams.

"Our top priority is to complete the construction of the Centre of Excellence and Innovation at Dobaspet in Bengaluru rural district. We want to conduct short-term courses for prospective entrepreneurs from rural areas in Karnataka. We are aiming to provide training for around 100 youths at a time," said KN Narasimha Murthy, the newly elected president of KASSIA. If all goes well, the Centre of Excellence and Innovation would provide training through short-term courses to help them get suitable jobs.

KASSIA is planning on training 100 young and potential entrepreneurs through short-term courses

He said that he would try to promote and develop district-level industrial layouts to avoid most of the small and micro industries functioning in Bengaluru which is already choked with industries.

"It is quite sad to come across most of the private industrial estates that have no proper road connectivity. The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) owns and maintains only five per cent of industrial estates across the state. I want the KIADB to own and maintain more industrial estates with all basic infrastructures in place," he said. The KASSIA is contemplating conducting a meeting shortly with 110 industry associations affiliated with it.

He also said that many small and micro industrialists have been suffering a lot due to the number of unscientific fees being collected by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Mysuru racing season attracts the cream

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After the end of the Bengaluru summer racing season, the racing circus has shifted to Mysuru and the new managing committee of the Mysore Race Club (MRC) spearheaded by chairman YB Ganesh is ready with the many new designs and plans to raise the bar and make it a season to remember.

The premier centre, to attract the best horses on the Indian racing circuit has increased the stakes and most top trainers and owners satisfied with the facilities including a good number of new stables made available to the outstation horses, have confirmed their participation.

Classic hopefuls from Bengaluru, Chennai and a few from Mumbai will be on parade in all three classics. The prestigious Maharaja's Cup and the top `Knights' in the game will display their skills to stand tall at the podium and win the hearts of the racing buffs in the city.

Chairman of the club, Ganesh disclosed that the committee has done well to rope in sponsors for most of the major events and Betway is likely to sponsor the blue riband of the season, the Mysore Derby.

"After sponsoring the Bangalore summer Derby, Betway are keen to promote the sport at this centre and we will be pleased to seal the big sponsorship deal," said Ganesh pointing out that the Mysore Derby will attract the cream.

Apart from the 450 horses at this campus, more than 50 horses from Bengaluru will be seen in action all through the competitive two-month season starting on August 25.

A couple of punters ready to start work on the many winning permutations and combinations revealed that the club needs to add more tote betting counters to facilitate the small bettors.

"The attendance during the main season is easily more than 4000 and a few more counters would help," said Prakash, a regular at the course.

The committee said that they cannot afford to miss out on the betting revenues, and a couple of new tote windows will be in operation from the first day.

"With the combined all-India tote likely to start at the end of the month, we understand that betting on tote will gather steam and we are ready to handle the expected big rush," said Ganesh that the experienced and trained tote operators under their wing will facilitate the investors.

No to imported voters

The Peoples Democratic Party Monday staged a protest against election authorities over the issue of "non-locals" being enlisted as electorate in J&K, saying "imported voters" were not acceptable to parties

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Farmers protest returns to Delhi

Police detain some farmers, increase security on borders

#NEW DELHI

Farmers from across the states arrived at Delhi's Jantar Mantar on Monday early morning protesting over unemployment.

Meanwhile, the Delhi police also detained some farmers and have increased the security on all the borders amid the protests. As per the information, Delhi Police has detained some farmers protesting at Ghazipur on the Delhi-UP border.

Meanwhile, the traffic situation in the city witnessed disruption as police put up checkpoints at the borders resulting in a traffic pile-up. Traffic movement slowed down at the Noida-Delhi Chilla border as security is heightened at the border entry points.

Delhi Police has increased the security forces and barricaded the Singhu border which is located in North-West Delhi and Ghazipur border which is located on the Delhi-Meerut expressway.

Earlier, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) - an umbrella body of farmers - had announced the beginning of its 75-hour sit-in in Lakhimpur Kheri of Uttar Pradesh from Thursday (August 18) to press for their pending demands.

SKM is an umbrella group comprising around 40 farm organisations, primarily demanding the proper implementation of minimum support price (MSP) for crops.

In April, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait joined the protest held by the Telangana leaders in New Delhi against the Centre's paddy procurement policy and said that there is a need for another protest in the country.

Tikait also added that the farmer umbrella body Samyukt Kisan Morcha will back every Chief Minister who fights for the farmers' issues. **-ANI**

Farmers gather in Jantar Mantar in Delhi during a protest on Monday

Committee on MSP sets up four sub-groups

The committee on Minimum Support Price (MSP) formed four sub-groups on mandated topics, including making "MSP more effective and transparent" in its first meeting on Monday but Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) remained absent.

The committee, headed by former agriculture secretary Sanjay Agrawal, discussed ways to "promote zero budget based farming", to "change" crop patterns keeping in mind the changing needs of the country, and to make MSP more "effective and transparent".

"After a day long deliberation, the committee decided to form four sub-groups or committees on three mandated topics," the committee member Binod Anand told PTI.

Anand, who is holding the charge of general secretary at farmers' group CNRI, said the first group will study Himalayan states as well as the cropping pattern and crop diversification and how to ensure MSP support in those states.

The second group on micro irrigation -- to be headed by Sukhpal Singh from IIM-Ahmedabad -- will study how to make micro-irrigation farmer-centric. Currently, micro irrigation is driven by government subsidies and the group will examine how to generate farmers demand for this, he said.

The third group -- led by a representative of National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) -- will study 'zero budget based farming', including organic and natural farming methods, and generate consensus of farmers.

The fourth group -- to be led by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) -- will study the crop diversification and cropping pattern across the country. PTI

SC will listen to plea seeking review of ruling on ED's powers

#NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list a plea seeking review of its judgment upholding the Enforcement Directorate's powers in connection with attachment of property involved in money laundering, arrest, search and seizure under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

As counsel mentioned the matter before a bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana, the bench said: "Okay, we will list it."

On July 27, the top court affirmed the stringent provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with definition of proceeds of crime, power of arrest, search & seizure, attachment of properties and also the twin bail conditions.

A bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar (now retired) and comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar said: "The international bodies have been discussing the menace of money laundering on regular basis for quite some time; and strongly recommended enactment of stringent legislation for prevention of money laundering and combating with the menace thereof including to prosecute the offenders and for attachment and confiscation of the proceeds of crime having direct impact on the financial systems and sovereignty and integrity of the countries." It added that money laundering is one of the heinous crimes, which not only affects the social and economic fabric of the nation, but also tends to promote other heinous offences, such as terrorism, offences related to NDPS Act, etc. **--IANS**

Supreme Court upheld provisions of Act on July 27

One arrested, case against 50 for assaulting police at concert venue

#KOZHIKODE

One person has been arrested and a case lodged against 50 persons for attacking the police on Sunday night after it shut down a concert held at a beach here following overcrowding at the venue and disturbance created by those who could not be accommodated.

Police said that those who could not be accommodated at the venue as it was full, created a disturbance there and the overcrowding also resulted in barricades around the concert site falling down.

As a result, police were forced to stop the programme which in turn resulted in them being assaulted by some members of the public using stones and beer bottles, a senior officer of Vellayil police station said.

Six policemen and more than 30 members of the general public were injured as a result of the throwing of stones and beer bottles by a section of the crowd, he said and added that additional force had to be called in to control the situation.

The officer said a case for assaulting police personnel and preventing them from doing duty has been registered against 50 persons and one has also been arrested. Besides that, a case has also been registered against the event organisers -- JDT College Palliative Care. **PTI**

Rajnath to leave for Tashkent today to attend SCO meet

#NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will travel to the Uzbek capital Tashkent on Tuesday to attend a defence ministerial conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

Chinese Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe and Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu are also expected to attend the SCO meet apart from their counterparts from other member nations of the grouping.

The SCO defence ministerial meeting is taking place around three weeks ahead of the annual summit of the influential grouping.

The summit is scheduled for September 15 and 16 in Samarkand.

"Tomorrow, August 23, I will be in Uzbekistan to take part in the SCO Defence Ministers Meet being held at Tashkent. I will be holding a bilateral meeting with Uzbekistan's Defence Minister, Lt. General Nizamovich, and also interact with the Indian community. Look forward to it," Singh said.

The defence minister is expected to return in the evening of August 24 or first half of August 25.

The SCO meeting is expected to deliberate on regional security challenges including the situation in Ukraine and Afghanistan.

The SCO is an influential economic and security bloc and has emerged as one of the largest transregional international organisations. **PTI**

In Gujarat, Kejriwal promises free education, healthcare

#AHMEDABAD

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and deputy CM Manish Sisodia on Monday "guaranteed" free and quality education and healthcare in poll-bound Gujarat along the lines of Delhi if the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is voted to power.

Sisodia, who holds the portfolio of Education besides other departments, said good education is the right of every child in Gujarat, irrespective of whether he lives in a village, or city, or studies in a government or private school.

In a joint press conference, Kejriwal promised free and quality healthcare to all in Gujarat, the home state of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia address a press conference in Ahmedabad on Monday

"If voted to power, the AAP government will set up clinics like 'mohalla' clinics of Delhi at village and ward levels and improve the infrastructure of government hospitals to compete with private hospitals. The AAP government will also implement the Delhi scheme of free treatment for accident victims," Kejriwal said.

Reacting to the Gujarat government's decision to hike the compensation for families of martyred soldiers from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1 crore, Kejriwal said the move came after he made a similar promise to the protesting ex-servicemen in Gujarat during his visit two months back.

Kejriwal demanded that the Gujarat government cover the martyred policemen as well as he had done in Delhi. **-PTI**

HEALTH TIP: Cardamom oil is said to help reduce dandruff and strengthen the roots

Green tea's anti-inflammatory properties can help reduce skin irritation, inflammation, redness, and swelling

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Sounds of universe

Scientists are turning data into sound to listen to whispers of the universe and more

We often think of astronomy as a visual science with beautiful images of the universe. However, astronomers use a wide range of analysis tools beyond images to understand nature at a deeper level.

Data sonification is the process of converting data into sound. It has powerful applications in research, education and outreach, and also enables blind and visually impaired communities to understand plots, images and other data.

Its use as a tool in science is still in its early stages – but astronomy groups are leading the way.

In a paper published in Nature Astronomy, my colleagues and I discuss the current state of data sonification in astronomy and other fields, provide an overview of 100 sound-based projects and explore its future directions.

The cocktail party effect

Imagine this scene: you're at a crowded party that's quite noisy. You don't know anyone and they're all speaking a language you can't understand – not good. Then you hear bits of a conversation in a far corner in your language. You focus on it and head over to introduce yourself.

While you may have never experienced such a party, the thought of hearing a recognisable voice or language in a noisy room is familiar. The ability of the human ear and brain to filter out undesired sounds and retrieve desired sounds is called the "cocktail party effect".

Similarly, science is always pushing the boundaries of what can be detected, which often requires extracting very faint signals from noisy data. In astronomy, we often push to find the faintest, farthest or most fleeting of signals. Data sonification helps us to push these boundaries further.

The video below provides examples of how sonification can help researchers discern faint signals in data. It features the sonification of nine bursts from a repeating fast radio burst called FRB121102.

Fast radio bursts are millisecond bursts of radio emission that can be detected halfway across the universe. We don't yet know what causes them. Detecting them in other wavelengths is the key to understanding their nature.

Too much of a good thing

When we explore the universe with telescopes, we find it's full of cataclysmic explosions including the supernova deaths of stars, mergers of black holes and neutron stars that create gravitational waves, and fast radio bursts.

These events allow us to understand extreme physics at the highest-known energies and densities. They help us to measure the expansion rate of the universe and how much matter it contains, and to determine where and how the elements were created, among other things.

Upcoming facilities such as the Rubin Observatory and the Square Kilometre Array will detect tens of millions of these events each night. We employ computers and artificial intelligence to deal with these massive numbers of detections.

However, the majority of these events are faint bursts, and computers are only so good at finding them. A computer can pick out a faint burst if it's given a template of the "desired" signal. But if signals depart from this expected behaviour, they become lost.

And it's often these very events that are the most interesting and yield the biggest insight into the nature of the universe. Using data sonification to verify these signals and identify outliers can be powerful.

More than meets the eye

Data sonification is useful for interpreting science because humans interpret audio information faster than visual information. Also, the ear can discern more pitch levels than the eye can discern levels of colour (and over a wider range).

Another direction we're exploring for data sonification is multi-dimensional data analysis – which involves understanding the relationships between many different features or properties in sound.

Plotting data in ten or more dimensions simultaneously is too complex and interpreting it is too confusing. However, the same data can be comprehended much more easily through sonification.

As it turns out, the human ear can tell the difference between the sound of a trumpet and flute immediately, even if they play the same note (frequency) at the same loudness and duration.

Why? Because each sound includes higher-order harmonics that help determine the sound quality or timbre. The different strengths of the higher-order harmonics enable the listener to quickly identify the instrument.

Now imagine placing information – different properties of data – as different strengths of higher-order harmonics. Each object studied would have a unique tone, or belong to a class of tones, depending on its overall properties.

With a bit of training, a person could almost instantly hear and recognise all of the object's properties, or its classification, from a single tone.

Beyond research

Sonification also has great uses in education (Sonokids) and outreach (for example, SYSTEM Sounds and STRAUSS), and has widespread applications in areas including medicine, finance and more.

But perhaps its greatest power is to enable blind and visually impaired communities to understand images and plots to help with everyday life.

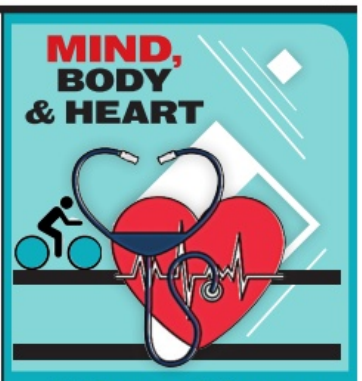
It can also enable meaningful scientific research, and do so quantitatively, as sonification research tools provide numerical values on command.

This capability can help promote STEM careers among blind and visually impaired people. And in doing so, we can tap into a massive pool of brilliant scientists and critical thinkers who may otherwise not have envisioned a path toward science.

What we need now is government and industry support in developing sonification tools further, to improve access and usability, and to help establish sonification standards.

With the growing number of tools available and the growing need in research and the community, the future of data sonification sounds bright!

—Jeffrey Cooke, Professor, Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing, The Conversation



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've recently discovered that my husband has been having an affair with my best mate right under my nose. My friend hit hard times a few months ago - she was made redundant and her longterm relationship ended - so as I was returning to work, I came up with the idea that we could pay her to look after our kids, who are two and five, and she could do the school and nursery runs, too. It seemed perfect. Then I came home early one day, as I had a migraine, and caught her and my husband wrapped in each other's arms in the garden while the kids played nearby.
I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I screamed at her to leave and haven't seen her since.
As for my husband, he tried to explain it by saying she listened to him and he felt seen - more like a huge ego boost if you ask me.
I don't know where to go from here.
We've been together 12 years and he wants to try to make the marriage work, but I don't know if I'm up for it. Any advice would be appreciated.

COLEEN SAYS

The situation is way too raw to make any decisions just yet.
Your instinct at the moment will be to react in anger and end the marriage because you're hurt. You need some time away from each other to process it all.
For me, there's a glimmer of hope in his explanation – that this other woman made him feel "seen" and "listened to".
It's very hurtful to hear that, but it sounds honest. He could have lied or given you the usual excuses.
So, maybe it's a wake-up call that your relationship was struggling and counselling could be a way forward.
That might not be enough for you, but I always think it's worth trying and it's worth talking, so you can leave with a clear conscience.
Obviously, your friend has blown it – forget her.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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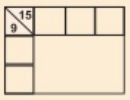
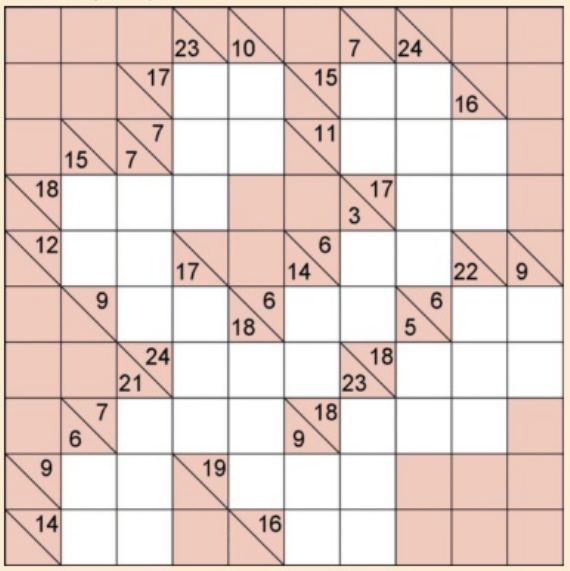
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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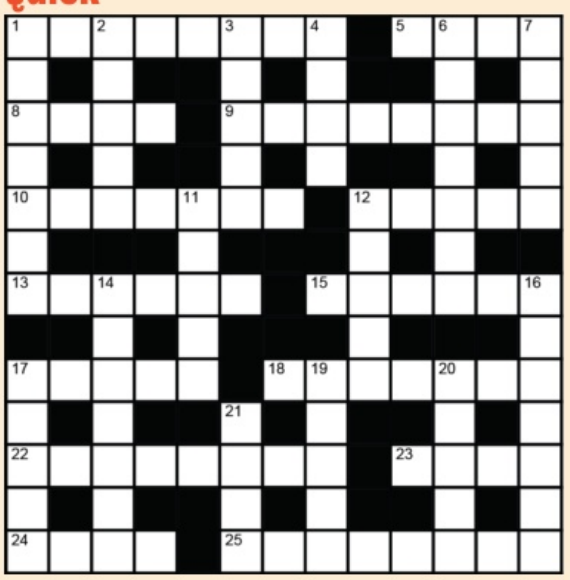


ACROSS

1 Surmising (8)
5 Israeli carrier (2,2)
8 Navigate the web (4)
9 Asserting without proof (8)
10 Without assistance (7)
12 Heavy blow (5)
13 Something to deaden impact (6)
15 Are they usually found in saddles? (6)
17 Not cloudy (5)
18 Tendered (7)
22 Of hearing (8)
23 Inactive (4)
24 Japanese wrestling (4)
25 Roundabout, indirect or crooked (8)

DOWN

1 Unsettle (7)
2 Hindu goddess of war (5)
3 Furious (5)
4 Audacity (4)
6 Free time (7)
7 Help in mounting (3-2)
11 Dismal, gloomy (5)
12 One who steals (5)
14 Park in Bangalore's Central Business District (7)
16 Sorrow or unhappiness (7)
17 Talons (5)
19 Entry hall (5)
20 Wireless set (5)
21 Type or kind or variety (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS G

CVTFMUI QKNY VSHKC HUXRXTP NVU VTRH SX V QX-VUR CH NHUNXVT HUXRXTP.

Linemaro

Every minute I am away from you I am wasting time

Mindchow

You should not confuse your career with your life

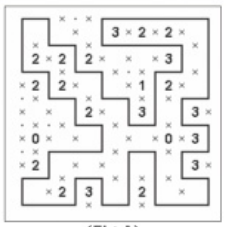
Joke of the day

IMPONDERABLES: How do you get off a non-stop flight? Why do they call it "chilli" if it's hot?

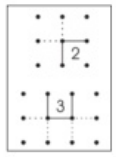
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

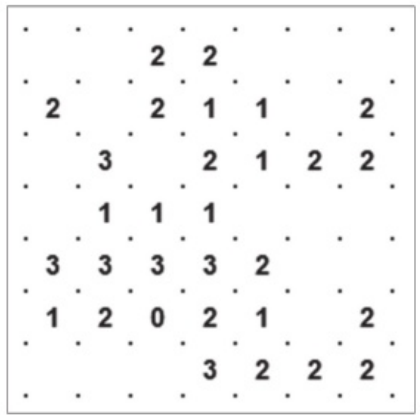


(Fig B) Not Allowed

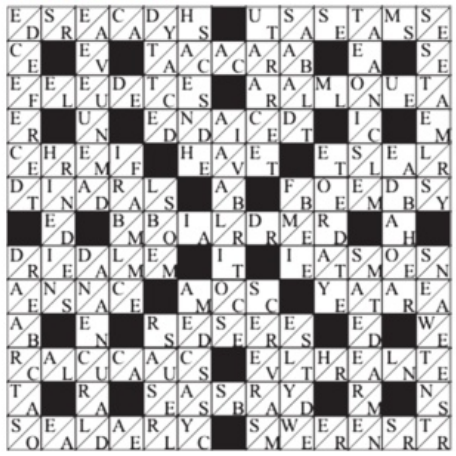
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7	U			
8				
9				

ACROSS

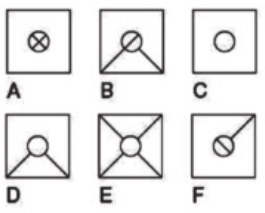
1 Wards; 6 Tiers;
7 To duo; 8 So ire;
9 Pryer

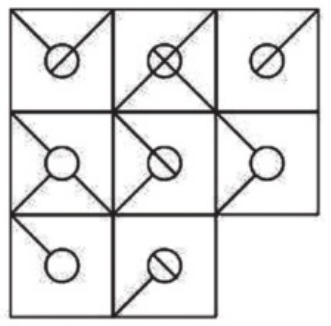
DOWN

1 Do Pro; 2 Us ere;
3 Stair; 4 Weird;
5 Troys

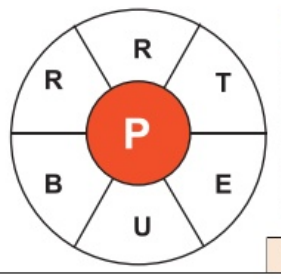
Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing tile?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		7	5		8	4		
				9				
		6	3		1	9		
9		3				6		4
2	7		9		6		1	5
6		1				2		8
		9	1		3	5		
				7				
		8	6		4	7		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 12

5 5 6 6

Medium = 19

3 4 6 6

Hard = 17

2 5 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

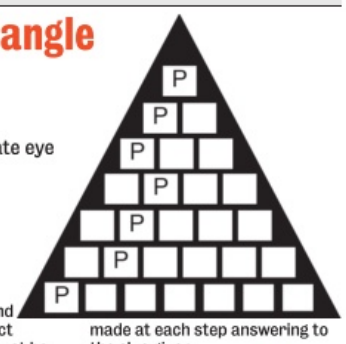
Differences: 1. Club is longer. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Glove is missing. 4. Tree limb is higher. 5. Bush is moved. 6. Collar is added.

Riddler

Rearrange the letters in this phrase to make a single word. DRAGON LEWIS

Alpha triangle

1 Pumpkin head
2 Dad
3 Cushion
4 Parroted
5 Hammett's private eye
6 Dug
7 Rice fields



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today your subordinate staff may be cooperative, and it may help you to complete postponed projects. You are likely to join some social event, which may boost your network, it may help you in your work or social life. You may plan to go for an outing with friends. Some disputes with friends may get resolved. Students are advised to avoid carelessness.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today your communication skills may help you on your professional front. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you to speed up your projects. Love birds are likely to exchange their views with each other, which will strengthen the foundation of their relationship.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you are blessed by the moon. New partnerships may give you benefits. Your energy level is likely to be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay off in terms of financial gains. Self-respect may protect you from negative people around you.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel dull and unhappy. You are advised to avoid harsh conversations with friends and family members. You may also not be able to get proper reciprocation for your hard work. Need to follow your intuition. You are advised to keep patience while making important decisions.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
New sources of income are likely to be open today. Your past investments may give you a good profit, which will boost your bank balance. You will likely connect with a social organisation, increasing your network. Singles may find a soul mate.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today's blessing from the elders will make you confident. Following your intuition may help to gain profits. You may likely visit some religious place with your family members. You must control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students may expect good results.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may expect instant gains in your business, which may boost your confidence level and your bank balance. There would be some momentum on the business and work front. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today things would not be favourable. You may feel dull and unhappy. Some mysterious fear may make you upset. You are likely to be attracted to the occult. You may feel a lack of confidence, which may affect your work. Avoid rash driving and risky adventure tours.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in terms of professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff are likely to support you.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be able to strike a balance between your earnings and expenses, which may boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss can give you new responsibilities. A promotion might be on your way. You may be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull due to sleeplessness, which may affect your working efficiency. You may plan to visit some religious places. But in the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may find out your mistakes and plan better for the coming day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be in a hurry. You are advised to drive safely. With the blessing of the elders, you may come out of a messy situation. You are likely to be more romantic in your love life. You may expect some positive results in new partnerships. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
=[81-(27-16)]÷[36-|-64÷64]
=[81-11]÷[36-|-1]
=70÷35 = 2

RIDDLER
A SINGLE WORD. Tricky, eh? But you can't complain, since I gave you the answer.

FAST FIVE

D	R	A	W	S
R	E	S	I	T
O	S	I	E	R
O	U	T	D	O
P	E	R	R	Y

BULL'S EYE
burp, erupt, pert, PERTURB, pure, purer, purr

STRIKE OUT

S	A	L	A	R	Y	■	M	E	R	E	S	T	■	■
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
C: In each row and column only lines that are common to the first two squares are carried forward to the final square.

QUOTE UNCODE
Talking much about oneself can also be a means to conceal oneself.

SUDOKU

3	1	8	6	5	4	7	2	9
5	6	2	8	7	9	1	4	3
7	4	9	1	2	3	5	8	6
6	5	1	4	3	7	2	9	8
2	7	4	9	8	6	3	1	5
9	8	3	2	1	5	6	7	4
8	2	6	3	4	1	9	5	7
4	3	5	7	9	2	8	6	1
1	9	7	5	6	8	4	3	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pa, Pad, Aped, Spade, Spaded, Paddies.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 6 − 5 + 6 = 12
Medium
6 + 6 + 4 + 3 = 19
Hard
2 × 9 + 4 − 5 = 17

LOOP

KAKURO

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PIL time A public interest litigation (PIL) was filed at the Calcutta High Court on Monday against the screening of 'Lal Singh Chaddha', starring Aamir Khan and Kareena Kapoor, in the state

The right profile

Vidya Balan pens a long note on self-acceptance, body positivity

Bollywood actor Vidya Balan, on Monday, penned a long note on her social media about the importance of self-love and acceptance.

Taking to Instagram, Vidya dropped two pictures which she captioned, "A few days ago, at an event this pretty girl comes up to me for a pic ...There was a crowd and I was trying to do as many pics as possible. People were jostling and in the middle of this chaos, the girl was back for another pic. My manager (who is very sharp) promptly told her, 'you have already taken. No more now'. To which she said, 'I took from the wrong side, I don't look good, I can't post it'. She was miserable & followed me to the car, relentless in her pursuit to get the perfect picture ..almost making it sound like her life depended on it..I obliged ...I then got into the car bemused...and it made me think."

In both the pictures, the actor shared mirror selfies in which she could be seen showing her right and left face profiles. "You know I've always preferred my left profile over my right... but overtime as i started on this journey of trying to love & accept myself a little more each day, I realised that liking one profile meant liking one part of me to the exclusion of the other...because the truth is that i not only liked my left but also disliked my right profile. I would tell photographers & cinematographers to avoid shooting me from the right...I would be scared if someone shot me from the right cuz I thought it was my ugly side. It was almost like the fear of being found out," Vidya wrote.

Talking about body positivity, the 'Kahani' actor added, "Today with the growing acceptance and love for every part of me and all of me, I don't care where I'm being shot from...I'm no longer scared of anyone seeing that side of me.. Truth be told, today not only do I like my right profile, I actually love it... and not because my right profile changed but because i realized it's never going to. What changed is the way I looked at myself and that changed how I see myself. Hence I returned to the room and took this selfie at the end of a long day sans makeup...because I LIKE me just the way I am. Do you like one profile less than the other? If you do and even if you don't, post that selfie with both your sides in full glory."

Allu Arjun in New York

South actor Allu Arjun, on Monday, represented India as the Grand Marshal at the annual Indian Day parade in New York.

Taking to Instagram, the 'Pushpa' actor dropped some videos on stories, which he captioned, "Thank you it was the honour being the Grand Marshal at the India Day parade in NYC."

In the video, Allu donned a white Jodhpuri suit along with a tricoloured handkerchief while representing India's culture at its best.

Moreover, the actor's love and respect for the country was seen when during the parade he addressed the people and was seen saying "Ye Bharat ka tiranga hai, kabhi jhukega nahi," having the Indian flag in his hand.

As India marks its 75th year of Independence, the PAN India star is acknowledged with the coveted title of Grand Marshall in the parade which was also shown on the LED Screens at Times Square. This is one of the proudest moments for India, as an Indian actor represents the country globally. While he marked his presence in this mega parade, his fans trended him as #GrandMarshalAlluArjunAtNYC on social media. Huge crowd was gathered at the annual India parade exclaiming loudly in Allu Arjun's buzz and hailing him as 'Jai Bunny'. Pictures from the grand event are currently being circulated on social media by the actor's fan clubs. The 'Parugu' actor on the other hand, also dropped some pictures with New York's Mayor Eric Adams in which he was seen striking his famous 'Pushpa: The Rise' pose.

Star visit

Southern super star Shivarajkumar showcased Vijay Karnataka's Sampige perfumed innovation for Colours Kannada at MMCL's office in Chamarajpet on Monday

Brad Pitt-Angelina case may not be reopened

Hollywood star Brad Pitt's friend has revealed that the FBI is not expected to reopen his investigation after an explosive report regarding the actor was revealed last week.

According to report, the source stated that "the statute of limitations is way gone and they have seen all the information at hand. There is nothing new here. At the time they considered all of Angelina's allegations and didn't bring any charges."

They added, "The FBI investigated the incident thoroughly, there is zero chance of them reopening the case. This is all a concerted effort to smear Brad." Page Six has reported that an FBI spokesperson said they could not comment on the case.

Although Jolie recounted the same details from the FBI report in her ongoing custody case against Pitt, a judge still gave Pitt 50/50 custody of their kids, the 'Fight Club' actor's friend pointed out.

Jolie claimed to FBI that Pitt, back in 2016, drunkenly pushed her on board a private jet, which left their six children extremely upset. The 'Lara Croft: Tomb Raider' actor referenced the star's alleged actions on the plane to the judge overseeing their custody case.

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Super Star Niranjan

Niranjan Sudheendra, nephew of Real Star Upendra, is trying his luck in a lead role with one more Kannada movie – Super Star. This is after his earlier Namma Hudugaru failed at the box-office. Barring a few scenes, Super Star is almost ready for release.

The film, being made under the banner of Rama's Media Creations, and bankrolled by Rama, is expected to be a platform for Niranjan to become a pan-India actor. Producer Rama is planning to release it in five languages – Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi. "I am very impressed by Niranjan Sudheendra's performance and commitment of director Venkatesh Babu," said Rama.

The movie's teaser and Rama's Media Creations logo was released by Upendra. "I wish great success to Rama and her father Satyanarayana, a retired Superintendent of Police from Andhra Pradesh who are making Super Star. I am sure Niranjan will become a super star after the movie," said Upendra.

Venkatesh thanked Upendra for his guidance,while Nirajan said he wants to ensure Super Star, a title borrowed from his uncle's film, remains at the top in the list of successful movies.

Lucky feeing

Director Nagendra Prasad, the youngest son of choreographer Mugur Sundar, considers himself lucky to have the opportunity to direct a Kannada movie in which Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar played the role of God and also shared the screen with his brother Prabhu Deva in a special dance number.

"I am lucky to have this opportunity. I will never forget the encouragement given to me by Puneeth Rajkuamar when I narrated the script to him. He wanted to dance with my brother Prabhu Deva. When I told him about it, my brother immediately agreed and made all the arrangements for the shooting of a special dance number," said Nagendra Prasad.

He said he was happy to direct a movie in Kannada, his mother tongue. "Krishna, known as Darling Krishna, has also acted well. I am grateful to the cast and crew of this movie which is scheduled to be released on September 9," he said.

Darling Krishna, Roshini Prakash, Puneeth Rajkumar, Prabhu Deva, Nagabhushana N, Sangeeta Sringeri, Sunderraj, Sadhu Kokila, Rangayana Raghu, Yogaraj Bhat, Sudha Belawadi, and Malavika Avinash are the star cast in this movie. Jani Master is the choreographer while Jeeva Shankar has worked behind the camera.